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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 17, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A process for the production of a graft-copolymerized natural rubber latex which comprises deproteinizing natural rubber latex and then graft-copolymerizing the natural rubber latex.

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